

DEMOCRACY THROUGH DIPLOMACY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Promoting Democracy through Diplomacy. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf; Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Ethiopia and Eritrea: Promoting Stability, Democracy and Human Rights. Testimony was heard from Don Yamamoto, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Section 212—Emergency Disclosure of Electronic Communications to Life and Limb. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: William Moschella, Assistant Attorney General; and Willie T. Hulon, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, FBI; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “New ‘Dual Missions’ of the Immigration Enforcement Agencies.” Testimony was heard from Richard Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Janice Kephart, former September 11 Commission Staff Counsel; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS’ APPEALS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing to review the operations of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA) and the Appeals Management Center (AMC). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Ron Garvin, Acting Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals; and Michael Walcoff, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and representatives of veterans organizations.

SERVICEMEMBERS’ HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity approved for full Committee action H.R. 2046, Servicemembers’ Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April 2005, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 9 through May 14, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3 (listed above), and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, and consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: May 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

May 10, Subcommittee on Airland, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 3:30 p.m., SR–232A.

May 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee’s jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 5 p.m., SR–222.

May 11, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall

under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9 a.m., SR-222.

May 11, Subcommittee on Personnel, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

May 11, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

May 11, Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

May 12, Full Committee, closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

May 13, Full Committee, closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 10, to hold hearings to examine data broker services, and the treatment of such services under existing State and Federal privacy laws, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to spyware, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 10, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's funding needs for administration and management of the national park system, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 895, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 11, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, S. 235 and H.R. 816, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public Law 108-67, S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management

land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 11, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States-European Union regulatory cooperation on emerging technologies, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 10, Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine OSHA and small business, focusing on improving the relationship for workers, 2 p.m., SD-430.

May 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the proposed Workforce Investment Act Amendments of 2005, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 11, Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, to hold hearings to examine 21st century biological threats, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 10, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the United Nations' Oil-for-Food Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 11, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 10, to resume oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation's translation program, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 12, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: May 12, to hold hearings to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations: May 10, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Federal Highway Administration, 10 a.m., and on the FAA, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on the Treasury Department, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 11, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Tactical and Land Forces, to mark up H. R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 12, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining Voluntary Compliance Programs that Improve Occupational Safety and Health, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 10, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Mutual Funds: A Review of the Regulatory Landscape," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 11, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Basel II: Capital Changes in the U.S. Banking System and the Results of the Impact Study," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Helping Consumers Obtain the Credit They Deserve," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 10, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "2006 DoD Counternarcotics Budget: Does it Deliver the Necessary Support?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Life in the Big City: What is Census

Data Telling Us About Urban America and are Policymakers Listening?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Overseas Security: Hardening Soft Targets," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Information Policy in the 21st Century—A Review of the Freedom of Information Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 12, full Committee, to consider pending business; 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing entitled "Security Our Borders: What Have We Learned From Government Initiatives and Citizen Patrols?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 13, hearing entitled "Domestic Source Restrictions Threaten Free Trade: What is the Federal Government Doing to Ensure a Level Playing Field in the Global Economy?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 11, hearing on Plan Colombia: Major Successes and New Challenges, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, hearing on the State of U.S.-Turkish Relations, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing to Review the State Department's Annual Report on Terrorism, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 10, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Prohibition of Material Support under Sections 805 of the USA PATRIOT Act and 6603 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 11, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 38, Upper White Salmon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; H.R. 517, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 539, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2005; and H.R. 1905, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, 3:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 12, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library;" H.R. 774, Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005; and H.R. 1084, To authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, May 11, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Europe,

China and the Use of Technical Standards as Trade Barriers: How should the U.S. Respond? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 12, full Committee, hearing on the Future of Computer Science Research in the U.S., 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 11, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Hazardous Materials Endorsement Background Checks, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Getting Acela Back on Track, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard Amendments of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 12, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 12, hearing on alternatives to strengthen Social Security, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.